

California Public Service Recognition Week – Additional Suggested Activities

Listed below are a variety of activities that departments can select from to engage with and recognize their employees during and after California Public Service Recognition Week. Departments can choose from these activities or come up with their own. While a few of these activities are intended to engage the department as a whole, most can be scaled down to a division, facility or team level as needed. We encourage departments to share photos, if appropriate, from their events using the hashtags #PSRWCA and #CAServingCA.

Memorial Day

For some departments, COVID-19 has meant the loss of peers and loved ones. Ask staff to submit pictures and stories of colleagues we've lost, and give space to share and remember these individuals.

Awards or Presentations

Take advantage of this week to recognize a person or team for their contribution.

Virtual “You’re a Star” Wall

Create a Teams or other virtual space where employees are encouraged to highlight a peer's success or contribution from the last year. This establishes a peer-to-peer recognition thread that can be used year-round.

Give Thanks

Encourage managers and supervisors to send a message to their team thanking them for their contribution.

Coffee Chat

Host a video conference where the agenda is simply to share something positive.

Department Trivia Contest

Host a trivia contest featuring questions about each of the divisions in your department.

Department or California Spirit Day

Employees share photos of themselves sporting department branded gear or colors or wearing California-themed clothes.

Virtual Bingo Game

Use an online bingo game generator to host a bingo game with coworkers.

Share Your (pick a theme) Day

Choose a theme and ask employees to submit pictures. Then share those pictures with employees online, in a newsletter or by email. Here are a few examples:

- Share your garden day - Encourage employees to submit an image from their garden or yard, or from a nearby park that they enjoy.
- Share your pet day – Ask employees to submit a picture of their pet or pets.